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**I. U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

<b><u>Patent No.</u></b>	<b><u>Date Issued</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
4,229,490 to Frank <i>et al.</i>	October 21, 1980	Novel Method For Catalyst Application To A Substrate For Fuel Cell Electrodes
5,211,984 to Wilson	May 18, 1993	Membrane Catalyst Layer For Fuel Cells

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5,869,416 to Mussell	February 9, 1999	Electrode Ink For membrane Electrode Assembly
6,127,059 to Kato	October 3, 2000	Gas Diffusion Layer For Solid Polymer Electrolyte Fuel Cell

### **II. FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

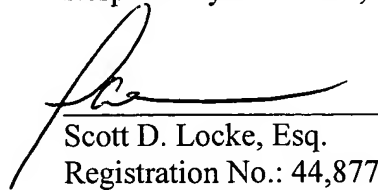
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The items listed above are identified on the accompanying Form PTO 1449. A copy of each of the items identified above is also submitted with this statement.

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